

## TAX (SAVING AND CASH FLOW) TIPS FOR MITIGATING THE ECONOMIC CRISIS

- Update us on your 2009 forecast - this may facilitate reduced interim payments (mikdamot) for Income Tax and Bituach Leumi.
- Optimise (don't increase!) expenses/deductions - these include:  
  
Local and foreign travel \* Gifts \* Entertainment \* Advertising \* Depreciation (on assets) \* Finance Charges \* Professional Fees \* Management Charges (investments) \* Various others (incl. inventory valuation in these times) - all within the legal parameters.
- Review entity structure re tax (and cost) efficiency (corporate, individual, partnership, trust, foreign).
- Help us expedite your 2008 tax return, particularly where there is an expectation of an Income Tax and/or Bituach Leumi refund.
- Consider options available for taxation of income from rental on residential property. (May also reduce Bituach Leumi payable.)
- Salaried Taxpayers - who are not legally obligated to submit tax returns - should evaluate possibility of claiming certain additional expenses and tax credits, not included in the payroll calculations.
- New and returning residents (including the "not-so-new") should monitor closely their legal status (tax) so as to utilise any tax benefits available under the Income Tax Ordinance, including - but not limited to - the tax reforms (relating to new and returning residents) of 2002 and 2008.
- Accounting system should be examined as to maximisation for tax efficiency.
- Give thought to possible set-off of capital losses on securities against dividend and interest income on securities (in same year).

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